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Reply to the Attention Of: SR-6J

September 6, 2013

Mr. Todd Konechne The Dow Chemical Company 1111 Washington Street Midland, MI 48640

RE:

Segment 3-7 Bank Characteristic Survey Work Plan Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River & Bay Site, Michigan EPA Document #EPA2013.018

Dear Mr. Konechne:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, has reviewed the Segment 3-7 Bank Characteristic Survey Work Plan (Work Plan), dated August 23, 2013, submitted by The Dow Chemical Company pursuant to the January 2010 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent. The Work Plan is partially approved. Dow is authorized to proceed with the Peak Growing Season portion of the survey. We are asking you to consider whether it would be useful to get some baseline light readings to try to correlate with the existing bank vegetation – if not now, then at some point? Additionally, the agencies would like further discussion of the Leaf-Off Condition portion of the survey. Please contact me at (312) 886-4699 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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